

5-101 Communications and Government Affairs Committee Charter

Purpose

The purpose of the Communications and Government Affairs Committee (the “Committee”) is to assist the Arizona Early Childhood Development and Health Board (the “Board”) in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to communications, public awareness and community outreach strategies and relationships and partnerships with state and federal elected officials and agencies. The Committee’s role includes:

1. Review and monitor communications, public awareness and community outreach strategies.
2. Recommend and develop relationships with federal and state elected officials.
3. Review opportunities for federal and state collaborations for early childhood development and health funding.

Membership

The Board shall establish and maintain standing committees composed of members of the Board, Regional Partnership Councils and stakeholders appointed by the Chairperson. The Chair of the Committee shall be its presiding officer.

Meetings

The Committee shall:

1. meet as often as needed to fulfill responsibilities as charged
2. hold and conduct their meetings in accordance with requirements of law

The Chair shall set the time, date and place of the meetings. A majority of the Committee membership shall constitute a quorum.

Key Responsibilities

The Committee shall provide oversight of:

1. Implementation of the communications, public awareness and community outreach strategies.
2. Review of the communications annual budgets.
3. Coordination among and between statewide and regional communications, public awareness and community outreach strategies.
4. Pursuit of federal funding opportunities for early care and education in Arizona.
5. Relationships and partnerships with federal and state elected officials.
6. Collaborations with state and federal agencies.
7. Liaison with key stakeholders on behalf of First Things First.

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